

WINGERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6 January 2010

Present: Cllr Ann Sainty (Chairperson)
Cllr Vince Causey (*from 007/2010*) Cllr Peter O'Neill (*from 005/2010*)
Cllr Alan Cooper Cllr Bill Pickford
Cllr Stuart Ellis Cllr Michael Prout
Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj Cllr Diana Ruff
Cllr Carole Nelson with Mike Taylor (Clerk)

001/2010 Apologies for Absence

There were apologies from Cllr Chris Hutchings and Cllr Margaret Parker

002/2010 Declarations of Interest

The only declarations of interest were those of dual-hatted Members listed under planning matters.

003/2010 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the meetings held on 2 December and 9 December 2009 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meetings.

004/2010 Matters Arising

There had been no notification of matters arising.

005/2010 Police Matters

PCSO Mike Coates had provided statistics for the previous month which included seven reported crimes, four of which concerned damage and three of which were thefts. In addition there were six reported instances of anti-social behaviour including three in the Allendale Area involving young people.

There was a brief report from the most recent meeting of the Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) when the existing priority profiles had been closed and replaced by one involving various issues at the Adlington Estate. There was a request for more advance publicity of SNT meetings. The Clerk had already recommended that notices be placed in Wings as well as the Council notice boards and there was a further suggestion that a notice be placed in the community notice box in Hardwick Wood. Members were reminded that the next meeting of the Wingerworth Safer Neighbourhood Team was due to take place on 11 March at Pioneer House starting at 6.30pm.

PCSO Coates had forwarded some details of the changes in the new civil enforcement of parking arrangements that were due to in place for February. These provided for penalties for vehicles parked on tactile crossings and could provide for penalties for vehicles blocking an entrance to a dwelling when the resident had issued a complaint. It was recognised that this necessitated the presence of a CEO officer in the Parish which would probably be a rare occurrence. It did not appear to be the case that the changes provided for penalties for vehicles part parked on pavements and verges. It was agreed that an update on the new parking regulations should be requested as an agenda item at the next SNT.

The Chairwoman reported on attempts to provide activities for young people in the Parish including the welcome visit of a County Council Youth Information Vehicle for a series of fortnightly visits to the Allendale Road area and possible activities for the Adlington Estate.

006/2010 Co-option of Members

Three expressions of interest in becoming a co-opted Member had been received although two of the interested individuals had been forced to tender apologies due to the harsh weather conditions. One of the three, Mr Vincent Causey, had been able to attend and following a series of questions and associated discussion it was agreed unanimously that Mr Causey be invited to become a co-opted Member. Mr Causey accepted the invitation, signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form and took his place on the Council.

007/2010 Public Forum

Concern was raised over the decision at the Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) meeting to close the priority profile on Hardwick Wood. It was stressed that this was a matter for the SNT who determined priority profiles at each meeting after listening to concerns and comments from residents. It was agreed that the Clerk notify the Police of the request to reopen Hardwick Wood as a priority profile in the hope that it would be considered at the next meeting of the SNT scheduled for 11 March.

The Clerk gave a brief summary of the problems in securing an adequate stock of grit for bins in the Parish and gave some details of an unprecedented number of requests for new grit bins. It was agreed that the Finance Committee should meet to review the position and draft a policy which would then serve as a reference for the provision of bins and the supply of grit.

008/2010 Consideration of Planning Applications and Related Matters

Members on the District Council's Planning Committee did not participate in this section of the meeting other than to provide some information on procedural matters at District Council.

The following planning applications were reported:

90408	19 New Road	Two Storey Rear Extension plus ...
90971	Alinor, Middle Road , Hardwick Wood	Erection of Replacement Dwelling
91010	22 Hazel Drive	Retention of Fence, Decking etc
91056	2 Mulberry Close	New Porch, Extension and New Garage

The applications were noted.

The following planning decisions were reported:

90837	CA	Land adjacent to 34 Greenway	Construction of Dwelling
90850	CA	30 Rectory Drive	Front Porch and Detached Garage
90849	CA	174 Nethermoor Road	Garage to Cattery and Isolation Unit
90845	CA	246 Longedge Lane	New Porch and Rear Extension
90408	CA	19 New Road	Two Storey Rear Ext + Change of Use

CA=Conditional Agreement

The planning decisions were noted.

009/2010 Accounts

The Clerk presented details of income received and payments made in November 2009 as well as details of income and expenditure against a phased budget at the end of the month of November. He also presented the current position of the Council's reserves.

Resolved: that the accounts be approved and that the reserves report be received and noted.

010/2010 Finance

The Clerk submitted bank details and a reconciliation as at the end of November 2009.

Resolved: that the report be received and noted.

011/2010 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

- Advice on Members' Allowances
- Circular 61/2009 – DCC Parish and Town Council Forum
 - Report on Inaugural Meeting
 - Notice of Next Meeting – 22 April 2010
 - Request for Community Response Plan
- Circular 62/2009 Training
 - Circular 63/2009 Training

The circulars were noted and it was suggested that the guidance for the drawing up of a Community Response Plan be forwarded to the Wingerworth Planning Team so see if it was something that they could develop.

012/2010 Correspondence

The Clerk reported on correspondence received during the past two months:

- Parish
 - Parishioners – Request for Grit Bins
 - Tennis Club – Progress with Business Proposals and Concerns over Court

- District
 - NEDDC Planning Services Manager – Apologies for Delay in Responding to Concerns about use of Council land off Allendale Road
 - NEDDC – Draft 2009 Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment Consultation
- County
 - DCC – Winter Maintenance Details
 - DCC – Community Conference Action Conference 13 March 2010
 - DCC – Response to Sat Nav concerns
 - Derbyshire Biodiversity News
- Other
 - CPRE – Fieldwork Newsletter

The correspondence was noted with a brief explanation on the Tennis Club's plan (although it had not proved possible to open the attachment to the email) and clarification that the concern of the Tennis Club related to the poor state of the courts which made play difficult during the winter months.

013/2010 Reports from Committees and Representatives

There were no reports from Committees or Representatives.

014/2010 Chairwoman's Report

Cllr Ann Sainty gave a brief report on the Council's carol service when over 100 people witnessed the switching on of the Christmas tree lights at the Parish Hall. She extended thanks to everyone involved, including the Wingerworth Community Association, for what was a very successful event which, for many parishioners, signalled the start of the Christmas season.

015/2010 Budgets and Reserves for 2010/11

Members received a schedule of the recurrent budgets and projected reserves for the next financial year. The figures had already been agreed by Council at the December budget meeting but were attached to papers for the current meeting as a consolidated statement for information.

016/2010 Draft 2009 Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment for Wingerworth

In discussing the implications of the District Council assessment for the Parish a number of concerns were raised which were incorporated in a resolution for submission as part of the consultation process.

Resolved: that the Clerk contacts the District Council to stress Members' views that it was essential to protect designated green belt areas and greenfield sites from any new residential developments and that wherever possible any new residential developments should be contained within the current village envelope; that the Clerk convey to District Council the strongly held views of Members that new residential developments should be based on the many brownfield sites whether in the Parish or across the District.

017/2010 NEDDC's Response to Concerns about District Council Land at Allendale Road

Disappointment was expressed about the continuing problems with the land off Longedge Lane although the Clerk confirmed that he had written to the District Council's Chief Executive who had asked the Planning Department to investigate. It was agreed that this item should be on the agenda for the next meeting of the Council by which time it was hoped that the matter had been satisfactorily resolved.

018/2010 Request for Use of Parish Land for Vehicular Access for New Medical Centre

The Clerk was still awaiting a formal request for a specified section of the Council's land which was understood to be needed to comply with Highways' requirements for vehicular access to the new medical centre planned on the site of the former Wingerworth Centre. It was agreed that this be left as a standing item on the agenda until such time as a request was received.

019/2010 Report on Café Project for Young People

Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj reported on mixed fortunes with the project following good coverage in Wings although she was keen to stress that the intention was to establish a meeting place for young people rather than a more traditional youth club. The offers of help from older people were very much appreciated, but there was a need for more helpers and to this end parents of interested young people had been invited to the next meeting of the project group at the Church Centre on 15 January 2010.

020/2010 Report on Discussions about a Bike Park

The Chairwoman had nothing further to report on the possible development of a bike park pending a meeting with interested parties on 14 January 2010.

021/2010 Adlington Focus Group – Developments

There was a brief report on the latest developments which included discussions on the new play area for toddlers but where the main focus was moving on to issues involving other agencies, many of which were being addressed by the Safer Neighbourhood Team's priority profile for the current quarter.

022/2010 Expenditure

Members considered the proposal to proceed with an order for a toddlers' play area for Adlington based on a specification circulated to a number of suppliers. The preferred scheme was one submitted by Hags at a cost of £15,000 of which £5,000 was being funded by a County Council grant organised through Cllr Kevin Gillott as the county councillor representing that section of the Parish. The information in a previously circulated paper was augmented with a visual impression of the completed play area.

Members also considered a request to commit funds to the Tupton School Activities Programme where the precise contribution would depend on the extent of external funding and the willingness of other parish councils to contribute to the programme.

Resolved: that the Clerk be authorised to place an order with HAGS for the toddlers' play area at Adlington based on their quotation of £15,000 and their assurance that the work would be completed in the current financial year to the Council's specification; that the Clerk seeks further information from the organiser of the activities programme about the likely contribution required from Wingerworth in the light of external funding secured and the actions of other councils.

023/2010 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting of the Council was 3 February 2010

The Chairwoman thanked Members for their attendance before declaring the meeting closed at 9.10pm.